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S.B. No. 1661

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to voting rights and eligibility for office of residents of certain districts subject to a strategic partnership agreement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 43.0751, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (q-1) to read as follows:

(q-1) Except as provided by this subsection, the qualified voters of a district any part of which is annexed for limited purposes under a strategic partnership under this section are entitled to vote in municipal elections as provided by Section 43.130. If the district includes area located in more than one municipality, a qualified voter of a district is not entitled to vote in municipal elections under this subsection if the voter is a resident of a municipality other than the municipality subject to the strategic partnership agreement. A resident of a district any part of which is annexed for limited purposes under this section is not eligible to be a candidate for or to be elected to a municipal office.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.